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KMT SOURCES REPORT SOVIET UNITS SENT TO KOREA,
CHINESE STEP UP DEFENSE OF NORTHEAST

Taihoku, 8 August -- According to a KMT government source, the Chinese Communists have been stepping up the defense of the Northeast since mid-July 1951. The same source verified the reports that the Soviet 18th Antiaircraft Division had been sent to Dairen from Vladivostok and later assigned to large cities in the Northeast, and that several Soviet jet squadrons had arrived recently in Mukden to strengthen the air defense of the southern part of the Northeast. The same source added that because of Soviet activities in the Northeast, many observers are of the opinion that the Soviet Union is making preparations to crush the UN troops in Korea in the event the cease-fire talks fail.

The Chung-lien She reported that two Soviet divisions which arrived in Mukden in early July had left for the Korean border; that the Soviet military activities in the Northeast have increased since the beginning of the cease-fire talks; that the 18th Antiaircraft Division of the Soviet Far Eastern Army which arrived in Dairen in early July from Vladivostok had left for Antung; and that trains going into Korea are now filled with Soviet troops.

Another report from Taihoku revealed that several hundred Chinese Communist naval officers, trained by Soviet advisers in Dairen, were assigned to duty in the Northeast, East China, and Central and South China in mid-July. The same source revealed that in early July, 250 trained naval officers arrived in Canton to take over the jobs of the Soviet advisers in various South China naval installations and that there is now a large concentration of jet aircraft, ships, and submarines at the naval and air base in Hainan.

Another Chung-lien She dispatch reported that the aforementioned two Soviet divisions, which arrived in Mukden in late July, had been sent to Korea.

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